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Title: **COMPOSITION, APPARATUS, AND
METHOD OF CONDITIONING SCALE
ON A METAL SURFACE**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box Patent Application
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicants are herewith filing a divisional application of application Serial No. 09/469,687, filed on December 22, 1999. Applicants hereby elect claims 1-11, 23-28, 30-40 and 43-45 of the previous application. It is respectfully requested that this application be amended as indicated below.

In the specification:

Kindly amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, after the title, add the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of application Serial No. 09/469,687, filed December 22, 1999, now US 6,450,183

In the claims:

Please replace claims 1-11, 23-28 (presented in the parent application as originally filed) and 30-40 and 43-45 (subsequently added in the parent application by amendment) with the attached clean version of claims 1-11, 23-28, 30-40 and 43-45.

Please cancel claims 12-22, 29, 41 and 42 of the prior application (claims 29, 41 and 42 having been added by amendment after filing) without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the abstract:

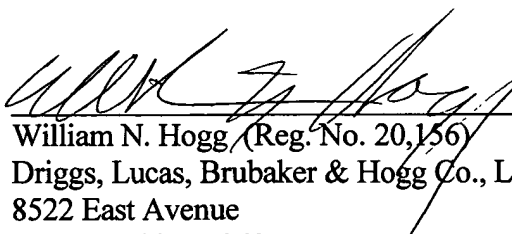
Please replace the existing Abstract with the attached clean version.

REMARKS

Applicants are providing a clean copy of page 1 containing the new paragraph entitled "Cross Reference to Related Application". Also enclosed is a clean copy of claims 1-11, 23-28, 30-40 and 43-45 (elected for prosecution in the subject application), as well as a version with markings to show the changes made by this preliminary amendment. In addition, a revised abstract is being provided to comply with the minimum word requirement.

Respectfully submitted,

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